

Appl. No. : 09/996,020  
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### REMARKS

Claims 30-123 are pending in the above identified application and are subject to a restriction requirement. As set forth by the Examiner, Group I, claims 30-44 are directed to an apparatus for use in the formation of a particulate and Group II, claims 45-123 are drawn to a method for the formation of a particulate product.

Applicants traverse the restriction since Applicants do not believe that it would be a burden for the Examiner to search both groups of claims. However, Applicants elect claims 45-123 (Group II).

No fees are seen as being necessary in connection with this Response to the Restriction Requirement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 500348

### CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all the pending claims are presently in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below if it is believed that this will expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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